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EDITORIAL

A PENTHEUS OF THE WEST.

They wore them loose when the world was young,
Morals and robes and drank from the bung;
And believe or not, I give you no bunk,
One religion was simply a chance to get drunk.
A popular sect, with Bacchus, the founder,
With Silenus, the Dirty Dog, Father Expounder;
Silenus, the filthy, historic old gink,
Was the one who taught Bacchus to go on and drink;
Slobber Silenus, pot bellied, and old;
Bacchus, fair, handsome, with hair like spun gold,
Roaming to see, booze, drink and admire,
Their religion spread fast like a forest on fire.
Bacchus would lift up a finger and wine
Would spring into life with a power divine;
Men and women came running, rattled over the vows,
And joined in a whirling, stupendous carouse.
Their wanderings finally brought them to Greece,
There Pentheus declared that the sodden rites cease,
But the people arose as one woman and man,
And joined in a sanctified rushing the can.
Pentheus's mother and ladies in waiting,
Got fuller than goats, and Pentheus hating,
Waylaid him along a lone, vine-covered path,
And tore him to pieces in wild, drunken wrath.

Time has passed and a saner and healthier day,
Finds Bacchus not gone, but well on his way;
Godlike he changes his shape and afar,
As express he tried to come in in a car,
Claiming immunity from sumptuary laws,
By virtue in re of the interstate clause.
But a latter day Pentheus assuming a hue
That made Baccharalian futures look blue;
By logic and clear understanding, the beast
Was returned, all uncorked, to his friends in the east.
Let Pentheus sleep sweet in the fair land of Greece,
The fight that he started is never to cease.
Then here's to Fred Blue, let us drink him a health,
From the water that flows by the highway to wealth;
St. Patrick expelled all the Irish reptilians;
Fred Blue has destroyed pink snakes by the millions.
West Virgina's emblem is a blue water-wagon,
St. George rides in peace, and never sees a dragon;
Demon Rum is aware they have got him on the run;
The Pentheus of the West wears notches on his gun.
For "Forty Drops," and others, who were quick on the draw,
Now stacked up like cord-wood, and waiting the thaw.

Butter may go to a dollar a pound, eggs a quarter a piece, and wheat one cent a grain, but sooner or later men will be forced back to the land to raise from the land the things that the people must have to eat. The present state of affairs has been coming on for a long time. The cities have become more and more attractive to the dwellers therein. The census shows that the population is not properly balanced as between the country and the city. In times of good crops this scarcity is felt and the farmer is stimulated to greater efforts by increased prices. If there came a year of short crops there would be something like a famine in this country. The worst feature of the condition is that the city men have lost the art of raising things from the ground. When they come back they will have to come as unskilled laborers and the farmers who have been raised to the business will be the overseers and direct their work. Any man who has an acre of ground had better hold on to it and get it in readiness to use for a man may go without shoes, and without hats, and nearly without clothes, but he has to have something to eat, and that must be produced year by year from the ground.

A young man about eleven years old came to see us the other morning and when the slight business transaction that had brought us together had been accomplished, we naturally turned the conversation to matters of mutual interest.

He was surfounded by an aroma that encompassed him like a shell. A well known mephitic odor familiar to all the native born. A heavy, repelling perfume that the city lady conjectured must come from the deadly night shade, but which belongs to the scent of the glands of the pole cat.

The young fellow had become tolerated to the condition and did not know that he was in a cloud. Having had some experience in the woods, we decided that this was not simply a case of the touch of the odor that comes from taking the hide off the prey, but that there was a more stirring experience behind it, we led the subject around to trapping.

He said that trapping was good and that he had already taken five pole cats and two possums this winter and that only last night he had caught a beautiful skunk which would be worth at least two dollars.

He had had the trap set there for some time. Last week he went there and the trap had been sprung by the animal and the skunk had been caught, but that it had retreated to the hole in the ground and when he pulled on the chain the trap had slipped from the foot of the beast and so the trap had been set again in the mouth of the hole so that the animal could not get out without climbing over the trap.

That morning the trapper had gone there and at first could see nothing of the trap and decided that it had been carried off. But it appeared that the skunk had come out of the hole, stepped on the trap and been caught, and instead of going back into the den had concealed the chain and hid itself under a chunk of wood within reach of the chain, and was laying in ambush.

Then it all became plain to us. In making a close inspection of the ground to get trace of the trap, the skunk got the range and while it can not send its spray much over ten feet, it had taking a decided and lasting revenge upon its adversary. While the projectile power of the animal is not great yet its odor is such that it has often been perceived at a distance of over a mile.

W. J. Jackson, rural mail carier out of Marlinton, had an eggstraordinary experience the other day. His schedule, which is as regular as a clock, has a part of it feeding his horses at a barn in town. The other day while the horse was getting his lunch of cereal, a hen made her nest under the seat of the mail wagon, and there remained on her post of duty until the mail carrier was going down the hill to the place where the road crosses the head of Stony Creek, when the hen began to cackle and to rejoice over a new laid egg, which egg had been laid in transit. The hen and the egg were brought back on the return of the carrier and restored to the owner. We have often heard of a farmer's hen coming to town in this way, but this is the first hen that we have ever heard of that tried to get from the town to the farm.

Reading that jest about the politician who had heard that Wilson and Marshall had been nominated and who offered to bet that Wilson would beat Marshall, reminded us of a rather sad thing that occurred here the week before the election.

The ardent Democrat, member of the committee, and influential worker had come to town and was discussing the election and the way his precinct was liable to show up on election day. The town worker was urging him to get the vote out and to see that they voted for the Democratic ticket and to hustle, and hurry, and haul, and help. And he added: "And above all, don't let Cornwell suffer. We are going to pull him through this time sure as well as Wilson but we will need every single vote. Get votes for Cornwell." The worker agreed enthusiastically, and went away but presently he came back and said: "By the way, you was wanting me to help this fellow Cornwell, and I was about to fergit to ask you what he was running for?"

A great many years ago when the stage coach was taking care of the travel that the railroads handle now, and opulent tavern keepers along the turnpike had more money than they knew what to do with, a Pocahontas man came back over the mountain from Warm Springs, with his eyes sticking out like bunions, as O. Henry expresses it, and told a wonderful yarn about seeing a rich tavern keeper who lit his pipe with a ten dollar bill. Yes, sir, there was the old Creosus, keeper of the Blue Pig Tavern, pretty tolerable drunk, lemme tell you, fired up his pipe in the bar room. Felt around for a light and, finally pulls out a ten dollar william, makes a lighter out of it, reaches for the candle, lights the money, and then lights his pipe, and goes out and gets in the stage and goes on up the mountain.

That tale made a deep and lasting impression on us though it was many year old when we first heard it.

Now a days in England, when a gentleman wants to do a patriotic act and contribute to the treasury of his beloved country, he takes some of the paper obligations of England and burns them up, and that is considered to be a very gentsel way to present a five pound note to the mother country.

Treating this fiat money as mere scraps of paper, is the way they look at it.

The opinion is pretty freely expressed that newly passed act cutting down the amount of liquor which may be carried into West Virginia to one quart will have the effect of promoting the illicit manufacture of intoxicants in West Virginia. Moonshining is what it is called. We hardly think so. The disposition of the common run of West Virginia is to take their pleasures sadly of late, and it will hardly appeal to them to go to the trouble of setting up a still. Stilling is a sort of lost art in this country, anyway. The big factories have put the little still out of business and our old timers who used to make a run of apple brandy have all departed for another shore.

It is possible that in individual cases there will a thirst survive that may speed him on to experiment with the manufacture of the article. Edgar Allen Poe could speak ex cathedra about the craving:

"And oh, of all tortures, that torture the worst,
The terrible, terrible torture of thirst,
For the napthaline river of Passion accursed."

The new schedule of courts in the Twentieth District is:

For Greenbrier county: Third Tuesday in January; second Tuesday in May; second Tuesday in September.

For Pocahontas county: First Tuesday in April; first Tuesday in August; first Tuesday in December.

It will be seen that the schedule gives exactly four months between each period and it is well balanced in that respect. A term of court is like a spell of sickness—there is no convenient time to hold it. The jurors are farmers, and farming is a continuous business and no time suits to leave it.

We have received an anonymous letter enclosing one dollar and an article from the Baltimore Sun calling for help for the Armenians. There is much sin and misery in the world and we can admire the refinement and the sensibilities of the Christian spirit who would bring aid and succor to the distressed people of the old world. The dollar has been forwarded to the Christian Herald, but so much of the article that seems to indicate that The Times should start a subscription paper in this county for that or any other cause, does not meet with our consent, for the reason that the subscription paper has been worked to death in this community.

With the problems of life ever present with every responsible person, and all of them falling short of the good that they would like to do, and a crying need for ten dollars for every dollar that comes in, we must be excused from adding to the burdens of our own community by promoting the practice of circulating a subscription paper.

It makes us feel like committing assault and battery every time a subscription paper is stuck at us. Under the rule that we should do unto others as we would have others do unto us, we can never, never start a subscription paper in this town, until it recovers in some degree from the past effects of this unpopular outdoor sport.

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICE

Sunday school at 9:45. Let all be prepared for the monthly missionary offering. Preaching at 11 and 7:30 by the pastor. Subjects, "The New Home" and the "Promise of Rest." Epworth League at 7 p. m.

GERMANY'S WILD MOVE

DENIES THE RIGHT OF THE HIGH SEAS TO ALL

One of the approved methods of getting locked up is to go out and assault a policeman. This may be Germany's idea of getting herself restrained from further fighting. The Kaiser, who has kept America on the jump for a couple of years, finally announced that he had set apart a portion of the high seas about as large as the United States, and if we traveled over this prescribed area we would be sunk without warning.

As we claim the right to sail the seas free of interruption except under the rules of international law, we broke with Germany and sent the ambassador home and called our flag man in. While we are not at war with Germany, we are not at peace either. Germany will be sinking our ships presently and we will be fighting back. We have been sending something like 150 ships a week to England from New York port alone. Germany said that we could send one ship a week to Falmouth provided we painted it a certain way and only carried what Germany said we could. There was not much left for us to do but to break with her. The best illustration that we have seen of the situation is the following supposed conversation:

Kaiser—One day in the week you may go to Falmouth.

Uncle Sam—Seven days in the week you can go to hell!

GRAND JURORS

State of West Virginia

To the Sheriff of Pocahontas County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded in the name of the State of West Virginia, to summon:

Greenbank District—C. C. Wanless, John Andrew Sheets, P. P. Oliver, J. K. Kramer.

Edray District—John Curry, Porter Kellison, J. W. Hill, E D. King.

Huntersville District—C. C. Sharp, Adam C. Moore of Browns Creek, John Trainer, I. B. Shrader.

Little Levels District—Sherman Pyles, George Lewis, L. P. McLaughlin, John Sheets.

To appear before the judge of the Circuit Court for said county on th 12th day of March 1917, to serve as grand jurors, for the March special term of our said circuit court, and how you have executed this writ you will make known in the office of the clerk of the circuit court of said county on the 12th day of March 1917.

Witness, G. W. Sharp, clerk of said court at the court house of said county on the 2nd day of February 1917, and in the fifty-fourth year of the state.

G. W. Sharp, Clerk.

The fox was smart enough but had neither quadrant nor calipers with him. Dave Lester tracked the big fox into a den during the snow and then played his wits against the fox's. He took his boy's box rabbit trap and bored a two inch auger hole in the rear end of it. He set it so that it took up the whole entrance of the den. The fox could look through the trap and he could only guess as to the aperature caused by the auger hole. The fox knew that the trap would fall but he concluded to risk it. He entered the trap and the door fell and there was no escape through the auger hole and his hide is now hanging on the wall. The fox came out the first night. The record in this vicinity for a fox to remain holed up when he has been discovered is 23 days.

T. C. Anderson, F. P. King and Carl L. Sheets have rented the Alexander Amusement Parlors. In addition to pool, bowling and other amusements they will open a moving picture show under the name of the Imperial Theatre. The show will open as soon as the seats arrive, probably about the 15th.

HILLSBORO SCHOOL NOTES

The first semester of the present session closed January 26. Examinations were held in High school Thursday and Friday. The majority of our students passed satisfactory in all the work; but there were too many "flunks." Why can we not all realize that school is business and go about it with a zest and earnestness? We are beginning the new semester with resolutions to do better. Let us see that our preparation for each lesson every day is adequate.

The box supper given Saturday January 27 to raise funds for the purchase of a Victrola was a success. The maximum bid for boxes was fixed at $1.50. Thirty boxes were sold realizing $28.00. The girls of the school responded well in the preparation of boxes; the boys were liberal in their patronage. Many of our patrons and friends assisted either in the preparation of boxes, or in purchasihg them. We thank them. The victrola was present and provided entertainment for the evening. The proceeds of the Christmas sale and the box supper will pay for the instrument. We have besides about $25 with which to purchase records, a balance from the plays given last year. This Victrola is a good one and is contributing to the pleasure of all.

On last Friday evening, Mr. Grady McNeel from the state of Washington, gave a piano concert in the auditorium. Owing to the bad weather many did not attend, but those who did were given a real music treat. Mr. McNeel, although blind, is an accomplished pianist. We trust we shall have him with us again.

On the evening of January 26, the Shakespeare Literary Society gave a program consisting of several new features. A song and pantomine by the girls was excellently done. A short play "When Reuben Comes to Town" was given by members of the senior and freshman classes. The play was very amusing particularly Reuben's part. The boys of the society sang a medley of song choruses which was enjoyed by all present. The next program of this society will take up colonist life, and will portray various phases of "the olden times," songs, dress and old-fashioned plays.

Friday evening of this week the Browning Society will give a program. As the last was given by the boys, this will be a girls' program. The principal numbers are the following:

Instalation of officers.
Dialogue, Grace Gladwell and Fay Darnnell.
Reading, Mary Hill.
Music, Girls Chorus.
Essay, Ethel Stillwell.
Biography, Hildreth Bevrage.
Music, Vocal.
Reading, Mirriam F. Hill.
Anecdotes, Mattie Lewis.
Pantomine, Bradford Grimes, Mariam Hill.
Short story, Willa Kellison.
Reading, Bradford Grimes.
Story, Ina Lewis.
Piano Solo, Grace Gladwell.
Song, Girls' Chorus.

EDRAY DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

The Lyceum Arts Conservatory Orchestra will render a program of rare musical ability and taste on Monday, Feb. 12th at 8 p. m. in the opera house. This is the last number of the High school entertainment course.

On Friday afternoon of the past week the Riley Literary Society elected the following officers—president, Pleas Richardson; vice-president, Joseph Burns; secretary Hull Yeager.

The officers of the Tennyson Literary society are president, Mary Eskridge; vice president, Marie Smith; secretary, Greta Herold.

French Moore is confined to his room with a severe attack of pneumonia.

Mr. Andrew Price conducted chapel service on Wednesday. His talk Virginia Debt vs. West Virginia was both instructive and interesting.

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In four EXTRAORDINARY CHAPTERS more Powerful, more Dramatic, more Sensational than the original "Diamond from the Sky." All the old favorites and some new ones. The name and identity of the $10,000.00 prize winner revealed on the screen.

Saturday Nights
Starting February 17th

HILLSBORO

James Marshall Fuller and Henry Bryan Kelley have gone to Kenosha, Wisconsin, to take a course in automobilology at the at the Jeffrey Factory. Marshall Fuller is taking a special course in salesmanship, Henry Kelley is taking a post graduate course in electrical equipment.

Mrs. G. W. Fuller has been visiting Geo. F. Fuller at Ronceverte for ten days.

Miss Mabel C. Fuller will leave in a few days for Charlottesville to visit friends.

H. B. Ballard of Monroe county, is a business visitor here.

Miss Alma Darnell, after a two months' visit with friends in Chicago and Davenport, returned home last week.

Rev. W. D. Eva reurned last Friday from Fairfield, Virginia.

The worst storm of the season, and in fact for many years, struck this section last Sunday night and Monday, the thermometer drop-about 50 degrees in about 18 hours—going 16 below zero.

The Charleston papers report that the big wind storm struck their town on Sunday afternoon at 4:20. It reached Marlinton about 6 o'clock. It was a coming from the west. Charleston is about one hundred miles directly west from the village of Dunmore, the map shows. Around the railroad from Marlinton to Charleston is 190 miles.

Notice to Road Contractors

In compliance with Section 56a of Chapter 43 of the Code of West Virginia, the undersigned Road Engineer of Pocahontas County, or his representative, will sit to receive bids for the repair and upkeep of the several road sections of the magisterial districts of Pocahontas county at the following times and places:

Bartow, Monday, Feb. 26
Greenbank, Tuesday, Feb. 27
Frost, Wednesday, Feb. 28, a. m.
Huntersville, Wednes, Feb. 28, p.m.
Hillsboro, Thursday, March 1
Lobelia, Friday, March 2
Linnwood, Friday, March 2
Marlinton, Saturday, March 3.

All bids are subject to approval or rejection by the County Court of Pocahontas County, at the regular March term of said Court.

Given under my hand this 6th of February, 1917.

J. H. KRAMER,
County Road Engineer.

Special Commissioners' Sale

M. C. Smith
vs
W. B. Morrison et als

Pursuant to authority vested in the undersigned Special Commissioners by a decree of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, made on the 9th day of November, 1915, in a cause therein pending in which M. C. Smith is plaintiff and W B. Morrison and others are defendants, the undersigned Special Commissioners will, on the

12th day of March, 1917

at the front door of the Court-house of Pocahontas County, proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder the following real estate, to-wit:

1st. A certain tract or parcel of land containing 6 acres, more or less, situate on the west side of Greenbrier River, below Buckeye, and being the same tract of land conveyed to Bruno Morrison by T. S. McNeel, Trustee by deed bearing date on the 29th day of October, 1913, of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of Pocahontas County, in deed book 52 at page 411.

2nd. A certain tract or parcel of land containing 9 1-2 acres, more or less, adjoining the first mentioned tract, and being the same land conveyed to Bruno Morrison by J. E. Auldridge and wife by deed bearing date on the 25th day of January, 1908, of record in the same office in deed book 52 at page 410.

These tracts of land are contiguous and have upon them a comfortable dwelling house, and will make a good home for some one.

TERMS OF SALE—One-third cash in hand on day of sale and the residue to be paid in equal installments in one and two years, the purchaser executing interest bearing note with approved security, and the title to be retained as ultimate security.

Given under our hands this 6th day of February, 1917.

A. P. EDGAR,
H. S. RUCKER,
Special Commissioners.

I, Geo. W. Sharp, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, do certify that the above named Special Commissioners have executed bond as required by said decree.

G. W. Sharp, Clerk.

S. C. W. LEGHORN, breeding pens for sale, 150 yearling hens for breeders for sale as a whole, or in lots to suit the buyer, have a lot of very fine cockerels non-related to mate from. I have a large brooder stove and two Cyphers Incubators, one 390 size, one 150 size all good as new, for sale at a bargain if taken at once. My only reason for this sale is I have neither time or room to handle the poultry business, as I am in the garage and auto sales business which takes all my time. My hens are laying now and in first class shape.

G. W. Fuller,
Hillsboro, W. Va.

Save money by buying 16 per cent Acid Phosphate from Marlinton Meat & Provision Co., Marlinton, W. Va.

Practice Pay-Day Saving

In these days of high prices and extravagant tastes, it is natural for the entire contents of the pay envelope to slip away unless a careful plan of regular saving has been adopted.

The year is still young. This is an especially good time to begin and practice pay-day saving. Thousands vouch for the success of the plan.

First National Bank
Marlinton, W. Va.

Fertilizer and Grass Seed

At the request of a number of our customers we have decided to put in a complete line of Fertilizers.

Also we will handle a line of grass and clover seed.

Yours very truly

People's Store & Supply Company
Marlinton, W. Va.

VALUABLE PROPERTY for sale a good 10 room house including bath. 2 30feet lots, good stable, hen house and a number of fruit trees, known as Marshall property. 1 30ft lot with store building 24x60 with 8 living rooms and bath above with double porch. 1 30ft lot with 2 rooms 15x32 now rented as justice office and store. These buildings are facing railroad and leading to courthouse. 1 lot in Riverside addition to Marlinton No. 32. W. A. ESKRIDGE,
Marlinton, W. Va.

With Never a Thought

of the morrow, is not a wise way to go through life. All of us must look out for the proverbial "rainy day." Sometimes that "rainy day" comes in the form of a destructive fire in which you may lose everything. Provide against this contingency. Take out a policy of fire insurance with

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